CARPOOLING

Centralia College Carpool
A carpool is a group of two or more people sharing a ride to work or school in a private vehicle. For many, carpooling provides the most flexible alternative to driving alone. It's convenient, cost-effective, easy, and environmentally friendly.

A Step-by-Step guide for starting a carpool.

Step 1: Find people who you can carpool with.
- Take into account days a week, time of day, accessibility.

Step 2: Decide who will drive the vehicle.
- If drivers switch off vehicles.

Step 3: Set a schedule, where and when people are picked up and dropped off.
- Schedule that is convenient for everyone
- Which days are used for carpools

Step 4: Decide how much riders will pay the driver.
- How often the riders pay
- Take into account wear and tear not just gas.
- If drivers take turns using their vehicles generally no money is paid to anyone.

Step 5: Set up some ground rules for riders.
- Smoking, allowed or not
- Eating or drinking, allowed or not
- Radio, on or off, and which stations or type of music/news
- How long should the carpool wait for a late rider.
- Who will sit where in the car
- Riders should not leave items in the driver’s vehicle unless previously agreed upon
- Will there be a driving rotation? Weekly/Monthly?
- What happens when people are on vacations?
- Bad weather considerations
- Share contact information with all riders and drivers
- Illness considerations
- Emergency situations
- Riders should not deviate from schedule for personal reasons or errands/ when driver gets gas
- Make sure everyone is buckled up.

*Note: Some insurance companies will reduce your rates if you don’t use your car everyday. This could be beneficial to riders who wouldn’t be using a vehicle to commute.